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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT SEMINAR FOR CENTRAL AMERICA

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTEREST EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL
CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN RECENT MONTHS AND AS PART OF
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PAN AMERICAN INTERDICTION PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT S/NM HAS
APPROVED A CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT SEMINAR FOR ALL C.A.
COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN SAN
JOSE. SEMINAR WILL BE CONDUCTED BY U.S. CUSTOMS FOUR MAN
MOBILE TRAINING TEAM DURING A TWO WEEK PERIOD. SEMINAR
WILL COVER A RANGE OF CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT MATTERS WITH
PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON NARCOTICS INTERDICTION AND WITH

EMPHASIS ON AIRPORT (PASSENGER AND CARGO) CONTROL PROCEDURES.
INASMUCH AS TOTAL CLASS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 30 PARTICIPANTS
IT IS ENVISIONED THAT EACH OF THE FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN
COUNTRIES PLUS PANAMA WOULD BE AUTHORIZED FIVE SLOTS.

2. FYI, A SIMILAR PROGRAM WAS CONDUCTED IN GUATEMALA IN
MARCH 1974. NO GRADUATES OF THAT COURSE SHOULD BE NOMINA-
TED FOR COURSE BEING PLANNED.

3. A U.S. CUSTOMS HQ OFFICER, WITH EMBASSY CONCURRENCE,
WILL VISIT SAN JOSE IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS DETAILS WITH
APPROPRIATE U.S. AND COSTA RICAN OFFICIALS.

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